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Introduction

Current Virginia law requires the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) to develop transportation performance measures and provide an annual transportation performance report. The 2008 Transportation Performance Report is the third edition. This report differs from individual agency or mode performance reports, such as VDOT's Dashboard, in that it evaluates the state of the overall transportation system rather than that of a particular transportation agency. Where appropriate, individual agency performance measures are incorporated.

A letter grade is assigned to each transportation goal as well as to overall performance. Several measures address each goal area; the grades are based on the degree to which the measures match the desired performance trends. A point is awarded when the performance of a given measure trends in the desired direction as compared to the previous year; if the trend is moving in the wrong direction, no point is assigned; and when a trend is level or unchanging from one year to the next, a half-point is assigned. Some of the measures have been assigned a target, either by an agency or by the Governor. If targets are met, an "extra credit" point is given. Missing a target does not count against the overall score, however. The points are summed and divided by the total number of measures to obtain a numerical grade. A corresponding letter grade is then assigned.

This year's version also includes some regional performance measures for the three major regional planning organizations. Later editions of the report are expected to include performance measures for each of the Planning District Commissions as well as additional performance targets.

Details regarding the derivation of letter grades can be found in the [User's Guide](#).



The Kaine Administration is committed to a comprehensive strategy for transportation that includes:

- ❖ **Strong Accountability** of our Transportation Agencies
- ❖ **Better Connections** between Land use & Transportation Planning
- ❖ **More Transportation Choices** for all Virginians.

Dear Fellow Virginians:

Virginia is blessed with an extensive transportation network that connects people, places and products locally, regionally and globally. This network is a critical component of our vibrant economy, and has contributed to the long list of accolades that Virginia has been awarded over the last several years:

- Best State for Business – CNBC, Forbes.com
- Best Managed State – Governing Magazine
- Infrastructure State of the Year - CG/LA Infrastructure

Virginia has also been honored by the American Road and Transportation Builders Association for its outstanding work on public-private partnerships. All of these are tributes to the strength of our economy and governance system.

With that said, our state and our transportation system face some very significant challenges. Three years of debate on transportation funding did not yield a consensus. In the meantime, the economic downturn has exacerbated long standing transportation funding issues. As a result, many of our services have been reduced, our construction programs limited, and our agencies reorganized. Reduced revenues have resulted in the effective elimination of the primary, secondary and urban highway construction formulas. In addition, the current fiscal environment has put the state in the unwelcome situation of choosing to match federal funds or fully fund maintenance. These changes will affect the performance of our current and future transportation system.

The best way to face these challenges is to focus on the basics: safety, preservation and operations. We have made strides to improve the coordination of transportation and land use and additional improvements will be necessary to help manage future needs and costs. In addition, we will continue to bolster the state's transit and rail options, while working to pursue effective public-private partnerships to make the best use of Virginia's transportation dollars.

With the Governor's Transportation Accountability Report as its basis, this website reports on the performance of the state's transportation system and monitors our progress. To view this report, please click on the links above. Thanks for visiting.

Sincerely,

Pierce Homer
Secretary of Transportation